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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION -- SEAN P. KENNAN, IRISH AMBASSADOR TO ITALY

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1. SEAN KENNAN WAS BORN IN LONDON DECEMBER 14, 1918. HE WAS EDUCATED AT O'CONNELL SCHOOL DUBLIN, AND NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND. HE MARRIED SHEILA O'SHEA IN 1955 AND THEY HAVE FOUR CHILDREN AGED SIX TO EIGHTEEN. FOLLOWING IS OUTLINE OF HIS CAREER:

1950 - JOINED DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AS FIRST SECRETARY HAVING PREVIOUSLY SERVED IN OFFICE OF REVENUE COMMISSIONERS.

1955 - FIRST SECRETARY, LONDON

1956 - FIRST SECRETARY, PARIS AND MEMBER DELEGATION TO OEEC

1960 - CHARGE, CANBERRA

1963 - COUNSELOR, DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

1965 - PERM REP TO EUROPEAN OFFICE, UN, GENEVA

1970 - AMBASSADOR TO EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

1973 - PERM REP TO EC

1973 - ASSISTANT SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

1974 - DEPUTY SECRETARY

1975 - AMBASSADOR TO ITALY

2. KENNAN IS VERY FRIENDLY AND RESPONSIVE, PARTICULARLY WITH HIS CONTACTS IN US EMBASSY. WHILE HE WAS IN CHARGE OF PREPARATIONS FOR EURO/ARAB DIALOGUE HE KEPT US FULLY BRIEFED AND WENT OUT OF HIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WAY TO BE HELPFUL. WE BELIEVE HE WOULD ENJOY BEING INCLUDED IN

US EMBASSY OFFICIAL AND SOCIAL FUNCTIONS. DURING HIS LAST FEW MONTHS IN DUBLIN, KENNAN WAS VERY ILL AND HOSPITALIZED. WE DO NOT KNOW THE NATURE OF THE AILMENT BUT HE WAS NOT IN THE BEST OF HEALTH WHEN HE DEPARTED FOR ROME.
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